



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge

## Environmental Education

## Partner School Teaching Practicum



Are you looking for a dynamic internship experience? Hoping to improve your resume to be more competitive in the job market? Looking to work with and learn from professionals in the environmental education and natural resources fields? Wanting to gain hands-on, real world experience teaching outdoors as well as in a classroom setting? Are you available one day a week or an entire semester? Then our **Partner School Teaching Practicum** is for you!

**Location:** *Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge & Wetland Management District (Refuge/WMD)* in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan area is just down the street from the Mall of America but is a haven to bald eagles, river otters, migratory birds, and a variety of other wildlife. The Refuge comprises over 15,000 acres which lie in multiple Units that total 70 miles along the Minnesota River. The habitat is a mixture of wetlands, floodplain and upland forest, oak savanna and prairie.

**Duties:** *Interns will gain hands-on, real world experience* working with and assisting professional environmental education staff and student teachers in a diversity of tasks including curriculum development, leading education activities in the classroom and outdoors, assisting with Educator Workshops, and assisting with program management.

**Benefits:** *Stipend + College Credit + Free Housing*

Depending on the time you are able to commit to your Refuge internship, free housing and a stipend may be provided. Government vehicles will be provided for official duties. **Refuge staff will work with your college to ensure you meet the requirements needed to complete internship or student teaching credit.**



**Qualifications:** *Interested applicants* should have excellent verbal/written skills, be able to work with the public and students from a diversity of backgrounds, be able to work independently or in small groups, and have course work and/or an interest in environmental K-12 education, natural resources or a related field. Basic computer skills and a valid driver's license are required.

**To Apply for a Partner School Internship:** *Please submit the following:* 1) a one-page cover letter describing personal background and interests, 2) a detailed resume noting education, experience, and skills, 3) unofficial college transcripts, 4) two letters of recommendation including the name, affiliation, address, telephone, and e:mail address of each person writing a letter.

Multiple internships are currently being filled for the 2014-15 school year with the following start dates:

**Fall Season: September 8, 2014    Winter Season: January 5, 2015    Spring Season: March 2, 2015**

Multi-season and full year internships are also available.

**Information should be sent to:** Suzanne Trapp, Partner School Program Coordinator  
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